

Minutes of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 22 June 2026

Members The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5:36pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Miller, Thompson, Weldon and Worling.

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 6:09pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 11 May 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that over the last one to 2 years, she has met with a number of organisations who have applied for grants under this program, including ReLove, Asylum Seekers Centre, Bridge Housing, Older Women's Network, Haymarket Foundation, the University of Sydney Settlement, the Uniting Church/Wayside, Glebe Youth Service and the Refugee Council.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she is not a member of any of the organisations, does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made, was unaware that these organisations had applied for these grants and had not discussed the specific application with them. Councillor Ellsmore is an ordinary member of the University of Sydney Settlement, but she considers that this is not sufficient interest requiring further action in the circumstances, for the same reasons outlined above.

Councillor Matthew Thompson disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary in Item 4 on the agenda, in that he recently met with Glebe Youth Service to discuss their programs, activities and operations. Councillor Thompson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he is not a member of the Glebe Youth Service, does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made and did not provide advice on this specific grant.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that ReLove Incorporated is recommended for funding. He knows ReLove co-founders Ren Fernando and Ben Stammer, and has met with the organisation on a number of occasions during his time as a Councillor. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with Ren, Ben or anyone at the organisation.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Item 3**Public Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions**

The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 29 June 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Community Services and Facilities Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the criteria used to develop the revised list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces noting that for an area to be placed on public exhibition it must meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (i) locations with increasing incidents of alcohol-related crime and assaults outdoors – these were identified using NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research crime data for alcohol-related (24 hour) assaults for the previous 3 calendar years;
 - (ii) areas of concern as identified by NSW Police and/or community - this includes locations where there are persistent and ongoing concerns that the consumption of alcohol is impacting on community wellbeing, public safety and amenity;
- (B) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public places for a 4-year period as outlined in Attachments A and B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the list of alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public places that are not proposed to be placed on public exhibition as outlined in Attachments C and D to the subject report; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas will not change prior to the public exhibition period commencing.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 22 June 2026.

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Item 4**Grants - Social Grants**

The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 29 June 2026.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Community Services and Facilities Committee was as follows -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Community services grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Community services grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Food support grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Food support grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Major grants program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (F) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 4 on the agenda of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 22 June 2026.

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